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EJ Outreach

On September 4, 2017, the Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal and International Affairs (OEJTIA) placed calls to key EJ contacts in Texas and Louisiana to schedule a conference call with them on Tuesday, September 5. The purpose of the call is to reach out to EJ contacts to discuss and listen to community environmental concerns in the areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. OEJTIA is establishing an EJ Network and will convene weekly calls to keep the Network abreast of EJ related environmental concerns associated with the current emergency situation. OEJTIA has also fielded calls and emails from EJ contacts seeking information on locating and gathering re-entry supplies, instructions on minimizing environmental hazards, disinfecting private wells, shelter in place language in Spanish and elevated benzene levels along with other compounds in ambient air samples in a neighborhood on the corner of Avenue I and 96th in Houston. Callers were directed to the appropriate website, local contact, FEMA or the REOC.

Thanks

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